



# Immaculate Conception School

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Living,  
**CELEBRATING,**  
and Proclaiming  
**OUR FAITH**

## Principal's Message

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back! We hope you all had a restful Christmas season with your family and friends. Thank you to everyone for your kind words, cards and thoughtful gifts over the holidays for our staff. We feel so blessed to work in this amazing parish-school community.

This month our Virtue and Grandfather teaching is courage. Courage allows us to face difficult situations and gives people the strength to do great things. Mary showed great courage when she said yes to God, despite her great trepidation. Mother Teresa is another example of courage. She lived and cared for the poorest of the poor, the very sick and dying, often risking her own health and safety to help those in most need, because she saw the face of Christ in everyone she helped.

*"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."* Psalm 31:24

Catholic Schools Week will kick off on Monday January 27 with a Professional Development Day, followed by Kodiak Shirt Day on January 28! We will conclude our week by celebrating mass at the Cathedral with our two other sister schools. Throughout the week, we will be celebrating and reflecting on what makes Catholic Education so special and unique. Thank you for your continued commitment to Catholic education!

Wishing you all a joyful month!

## Upcoming School Events

### **January 7**

MunchaLunch open for February ordering at 3 PM

### **January 8**

PSG Meeting by Zoom at 7 pm.

### **January 10**

School Mass led by Gr 5 at 9 am

### **January 21**

MunchaLunch closes for February ordering at noon

### **January 27**

Catholic Schools Week begins- Pro D Day

### **January 28**

Kodiak Shirt Day  
Gr 6 & 7 Ski Trip

### **January 29**

Gr 4 & 5 Ski Trip

### **January 31**

Mass at the Cathedral  
Gr 2,3,&4 UNBC Basketball Game

## **Christmas Concert**

Thank you to the Christmas Concert Committee, students and staff who put on a fantastic production of "A Charlie Brown Christmas". Also, a huge thank you to our IC families who attended the play. Through your generous donations we were able to raise \$999.55 to support the Prince George Hospice House.

## Faith Matters

Please visit the parish website for the most up to date information regarding Mass and attendance requirements.

<https://www.icparish.ca/>

## Parents

### **Catholic Schools Week**

We will begin celebrations of Catholic Schools Week with a Pro D Day on the 27<sup>th</sup> and Kodiak Shirt Day on January 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be a non-uniform day. We will also be collecting Toonies for Tuition. Students are welcome to donate a toonie to school to support Catholic education.

Please watch for more information to be sent home regarding activities during this week.

### **Kindergarten Registration 2025**

Spaces for Kindergarten 2025 will be allocated this month. Please watch for more information to be sent in the coming month if you have submitted an application.

### **Valentine's Family Dance**

Our PSG is bringing back a family favourite, the Valentine's Family Dance. This year's theme is "Hearts Full of Love". The dance will be held on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm. Please see the attached letter for more information and to sign up to help with this fantastic event. We hope to see you there.

### **Gr 6 & 7 Basketball**

Basketball will begin this term and a permission form will be sent home this week. Please look for more information to follow.

## Faith Matters Important Dates

### **January 10**

School Mass led by Gr 5 at 9am

### **Mass Schedule IC Parish**

**Daily Mass 9 AM Mon – Fri  
Sunday 9 & 11AM, 7 PM**

Please check the parish website regularly for further news and updates.

**Pastor: Fr John Garden & Fr  
Matthew Bellerive  
[www.icparish.ca](http://www.icparish.ca)**

## Important Information and Forms Due

## Parent Support Group

### **PSG Meeting**

The PSG Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 8, at 7 PM. A Zoom link will be emailed to parents for anyone who would like to attend. All parents are welcome.

### **Inclusive and Accessible Learning Space**

This fall, our school was successful in securing a \$10,000 Northern Health grant to design and construct a more inclusive and accessible learning space between our school garden and the playground.

The PSG will also be contributing to this initiative. Each family will receive a brochure in January with a full project outline and a call for support. There will be many ways in which you can help – volunteer hours at work bees, connecting us with tradespeople, helping with design and coordination, or perhaps securing better pricing for materials are some examples.

Watch out for the information coming soon and we hope you can throw your support behind this fantastic initiative.

## Parent Support Group

PSG Website Link [HERE](#)

### **Shopping Card Program**

Thank you to everyone who supported our shopping card program this Christmas season. By purchasing shopping cards through the school, you help raise money for our Parent Support Group.

Shopping cards are available year-round, and they are perfect for grocery shopping and gifting. You can find the link to the shopping card program [HERE](#). Let's keep the sales up!

A big thank you to Sarah Roberge who works hard to keep this program running within our school community.